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A PROCLAMATION,

Prohibiting His Majesty's Subjects from Trading to the East Indies *contrary to the Liberties and Privileges granted to the* English East India Company, *and from being unlawfully concerned in any Foreign Company or Society trading to the* East Indies.

WHereas the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, by and under an Act of Parliament made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *William* the Third, of glorious Memory, entitled, An Act for raising a Sum not exceeding two Millions, upon a Fund for Payment of Annuities after the Rate of Eight Pounds per Cent. per Annum, and for settling the Trade to the *East Indies*; and by and under several other Acts of Parliament, Letters Patent, and Indentures, are entitled to have, use and enjoy the whole and sole Trade and Traffick, and the only Liberty and Privilege of Trading, Trafficking, and Exercising the Trade of Merchandize to and from the *East Indies*, in the Countries and Parts of *Asia* and *Africa*, and to and from such Places of *Asia*, *Africa* and *America*, or any of them, beyond the Cape of *Bona Esperanza* to the Straits of *Magellan*, where any Trade or Traffick of Merchandize is or may be used or had, the Trade whereof is appropriated to them by the said Acts of Parliament, or one of them. By which Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *William* the Third, it is provided, That if any of the Subjects of his said late Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, of what Degree or Quality soever, other than such as might or may lawfully go and trade to the *East Indies*, and other the Parts in the same Act mentioned by virtue thereof, and their Factors, Agents and Servants, respectively employed according to the true Meaning of the said Act, should directly or indirectly visit, haunt, frequent, trade, traffick, or adventure into or from the said *East Indies*, or other the Parts aforesaid, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, all and every such Offender and Offenders should incur the Forfeiture and Loss of all the Ships and Vessels which should be employed in such Trade, with the Guns, Tackle, Apparel and Furniture thereunto belonging, and also all the Goods and Merchandizes laden thereupon, and all the Proceed and Effects of the same, and also double the Value thereof, to be recovered as therein is particularly mentioned. And it is also provided by the same Act, and by subsequent Laws, that all the Goods, Wares, Merchandizes and Commodities to be laden upon any Ship or Ships bound from the said *East Indies* or Parts within the Limits aforesaid, should be brought without breaking Bulk to some Port of *Great Britain*, there to be unladen and put on Land. And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the First, of glorious Memory, entitled, An Act for the better securing the lawful Trade of his Majesty's Subjects to and from the *East Indies*, and for the more effectual preventing all his Majesty's Subjects trading thither under foreign Commissions; which Act was revived and continued by an Act made in the Fifth Year of our Reign, it is enacted, That the said United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *East Indies*, and their Successors, should and might take, arrest and seize, or cause to be taken, arrested and seized, such Person or Persons, being a Subject or Subjects of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, at any Place or Places where he or they should be found within the Limits or Places aforesaid; and the Person or Persons so taken, arrested and seized, to send and remit to *England*, there to answer for the Offence aforesaid according to due Course of Law. And whereas by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty King *George* the First, entitled, An Act for the further preventing his Majesty's Subjects from Trading to the *East Indies* under foreign Commissions, and for encouraging and further securing the lawful Trade thereto, &c. it is enacted, That if at any time after the Twenty fourth Day of *June*, which should be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and twenty one, any of his Majesty's Subjects should sail, go, or repair to, or should trade, traffick, or adventure into or from the *East Indies*, or Parts aforesaid, contrary to the Laws now in Being, or contrary to the Tenor of the said Act, in every such Case, it should and might be lawful either for his Majesty's Attorney General for the Time being, or for the said United Company, at any Time within the Space of Six Years, to file or exhibit in any one of his Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, one or more Information or Informations against such Offender or Offenders for the Offence by him or them committed: And if the Party or Parties, Defendant or Defendants to such Information or Informations, should by due Course of Law appear to be found to be guilty thereof, the Court where such Information or Informations should be so filed or exhibited, should forthwith proceed to give Judgment against the Defendant and Defendants, by such Fine and Imprisonment, or either of them, as the said Court should think fit, and should also award the Prosecutor or Prosecutors his and their full Costs of Suit: But in Case the Defendant or Defendants should, upon any Information exhibited by the said Company, be acquitted, or found Not guilty, in such Case the said Company should pay such Defendant or Defendants his or their full Costs. And it is by the said Act further enacted and declared, that every Person and Per-

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Perſons, Subject and Subjects of his Majeſty, his Heirs or Succeſſors, who ſhould at any Time or Times from and after the ſaid Twenty fourth Day of *June*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty one, ſail, go, or repair to the ſaid *Eaſt Indies*, or Places aforeſaid, contrary to the Laws now in being, ſhould be deemed and accounted to be a Trader, and to have traded and trafficked there, and all the Goods and Merchandizes that ſhould be there bartered or trafficked for, or be purchaſed by any ſuch Offender or Offenders, or ſhould be found in his Cuſtody, or in the Cuſtody of any other Perſon or Perſons by his or their Order or Procurement, ſhould be forfeited, together with double the Value thereof. And whereas by another Act paſſed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of his ſaid late Majeſty King *George* the Firſt, entitled, An Act to prevent his Majeſty's Subjects from ſubſcribing or being concerned in encouraging or promoting any Subſcription for an *Eaſt India* Company in the *Auſtrian Netherlands*, and for the better ſecuring the lawful Trade of his Majeſty's Subjects to and from the *Eaſt Indies*, it is enacted, That if at any Time or Times from and after the Twenty fourth Day of *June*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty three, any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, Subject or Subjects of his Majeſty, his Heirs or Succeſſors, ſhould contribute or ſubſcribe to, or encourage or promote the raiſing, eſtabliſhing, or carrying on any foreign Company, Society or Corporation, trading, trafficking, or adventuring, or hereafter to trade, traffick, or adventure, from any Part or Parts of or in the *Auſtrian Netherlands* into or from the *Eaſt Indies*, or Places aforeſaid, or ſhould be intereſted or concerned in his or their Name or Names, or in the Name or Names of any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, or otherwiſe howſoever in any Part or Share of or in the Capital Principal Stock or Actions of any ſuch foreign Company, Society, or Corporation, as aforeſaid, or ſhould make any Payment in Money, or by Bills of Exchange, Remittances, or otherwiſe, to for or towards the raiſing, ſupporting, ſuſtaining, encouraging or promoting ſuch foreign Company, Society, or Corporation, or the Trade or Traffick thereof, or ſhould ſubſcribe, contribute to, encourage or promote, the raiſing, eſtabliſhing, or carrying on any other foreign Company or Companies thereafter to be raiſed, formed, or erected, for trading or dealing to the *Eaſt Indies*, or Parts aforeſaid, or ſhould become intereſted in, or entitled to any Share in the Stock or Capital of ſuch laſt mentioned Company or Companies, every ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, ſhould Forfeit all his, her, and their Intereſt, Share, Proportion and Concern, in the Capital Principal Stock or Actions of any ſuch Foreign Company, Society, or Corporation, together with treble the Value thereof; one third Part thereof to the Uſe of his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, and the remaining two third Parts thereof to the Uſe of the ſaid United Company, if they ſhould Inform, Sue, or Proſecute for the ſame; or otherwiſe, one third Part of ſuch two thirds ſhould be to the Uſe of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, as ſhould inform or ſue for the ſame; ſuch Informer or Proſecutor firſt taking ſuch Directions and Conſent as in the ſaid Act is mentioned for that Purpoſe; and it is by the ſaid Act further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons, Subject or Subjects of his Majeſty whatſoever, ſhould have accepted of any Truſt or Truſts, or ſhould know of any Intereſt, Share, Part, Proportion or Concern, which any of his Majeſty's Subjects ſhould have, or be entitled to in any ſuch Foreign Company, Society or Corporation as aforeſaid, and ſhould not within ſix Months next after his, her, or their accepting ſuch Truſt, or coming to the Knowledge of ſuch Intereſt, Share, Proportion, or Concern as aforeſaid, truly diſcover and diſcloſe in Writing the ſame to the ſaid United Company, or their Court of Directors for the Time being, every Perſon ſo offending, ſhould forfeit treble the Value of the Intereſt, Share, Proportion, or Concern ſo accepted in Truſt, or ſo known, and not diſcovered as aforeſaid; one Moeity thereof to his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety thereof to him or them who ſhould ſue for the ſame; to be recovered in ſuch Manner as by the ſaid Act is directed; or otherwiſe, ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhould, at the Diſcretion of the Court where the Proſecution is commenced, ſuffer Impriſonment by the ſpace of one whole Year, without Bail or Mainprize; and that every Perſon who ſhould within the Time above limitted for that Purpoſe, voluntarily come to the Court of Directors of the ſaid United Company, and make a true diſcovery in Writing of the Intereſt, Share, Part, Proportion or Concern of any of his Majeſty's Subjects in the Capital, Principal, or Stock of any ſuch foreign Company, Society, or Corporation as aforeſaid, ſhould have and receive out of the Forfeitures ariſing, or to ariſe, upon or by Virtue of the laſt mentioned Act, by, from, and out of the Eſtate or Eſtates of ſuch Perſon and Perſons ſo intereſted or concerned in any ſuch Foreign Company, Society, or Corporation as aforeſaid, one Moiety or half Part of the clear Amount of ſuch Forfeitures; and the Court in which the Proſecution againſt ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhould be commenced, ſhould have full Power and Authority, and were thereby directed to award to the Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery, ſuch Reward as aforeſaid: And it is by the ſaid Act further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons, Subject or Subjects of his Majeſty, his Heirs or Succeſſors, other than ſuch as are lawfully authorized thereunto, ſhould at any Time or Times from and after the Twenty fourth Day of *June*, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty four, go, ſail or repair to, or be found in, or at the *Eaſt Indies*, or any the Places aforeſaid, every Perſon and Perſons ſo offending ſhould be guilty of a high Crime and Miſdemeanor, and ſhould and might be proſecued for the ſame in any of his Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, and being convicted thereof, ſhould be liable to ſuch Corporal Puniſhment or Impriſonment, or to ſuch Fine as the Court where ſuch Proſecution ſhall be commenced ſhould think fit; one Moiety of ſuch Fine to be to the Uſe of his Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety thereof to him or them that ſhould inform and ſue for the ſame; and that all and every Perſon and Perſons ſo offending, ſhould and might be ſeized and brought to *England*; and it ſhould and might be lawful, to and for any one or more of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, and they are thereby authoriſed and required, to commit

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all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons to the next County Goal, there to remain until ſufficient Security be given by natural born Subjects or Denizens, to appear in the Court where ſuch Suit or Proſecution ſhould be commenced or depending, to anſwer the ſame, and not to depart the Court, or out of this Kingdom, without the Leave of the ſaid Court. Notwithſtanding all which juſt and reaſonable Proviſions, Prohibitions and Penalties, ſeveral of our Subjects not intitled under the ſaid Acts of Parliament, have (as hath been repreſented unto us) in open Violation and Defiance of the ſaid ſeveral Acts, preſumed to trade into and viſit the ſaid *Eaſt Indies*, in Foreign and other Ships, intending there to load Goods and to bring them into *Europe*, and land them in Foreign Parts out of our Dominions, to the Diminution of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, and to the great Injury of the ſaid Company in their ſaid Liberty and Franchiſe, ſo as aforeſaid granted and ſecured to them by Law, and to the general Detriment of the Trade and Commerce of this Kingdom. We have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to iſſue this our Royal Proclamation, and We do hereby ſtrictly charge and command all our Subjects whatſoever, who ſerve in, or are on Board any Foreign Ship or Veſſel, in, or bound to, or from the ſaid *Eaſt Indies*, or any the Parts or Places aforeſaid; and alſo all Merchants and other our Subjects who are now in the ſaid *Eaſt Indies*, or any of the Places aforeſaid, trading or intending to trade there, contrary to the Privileges of the ſaid Company, that they and every of them do forthwith deſiſt and forbear to ſerve or to be concerned in any ſuch unlawful Trade; and that they and each of them do forthwith return to their Native Country. And further, We do hereby ſtrictly prohibit and forbid all our loving Subjects to ſerve on board any Foreign or other Ships with Foreign Commiſſions or Colours, bound to or from the *Eaſt Indies*, or any the Parts aforeſaid, or directly or indirectly, to viſit, haunt, frequent, trade, traffick, or adventure into or from the ſaid *Eaſt Indies*, or other the Parts beforementioned, under any Pretence whatſoever, contrary to the Privileges of the ſaid United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *Eaſt Indies*, or to ſubſcribe or contribute to, encourage or promote the raiſing, eſtabliſhing or carrying on any Foreign Corporation, Company, or Society, now erected or hereafter to be erected, for trading or dealing to the *Eaſt Indies*, or Parts aforeſaid, or to become intereſted in, or entitled unto any Share in the Stock or Capital of any ſuch Foreign Corporation, Society, or Company, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of his ſaid late Majeſty King *George* the Firſt. And We do hereby ſtrictly charge and command all our loving Subjects, who ſhall know of any Intereſt, Share, Proportion, or Concern, which any of our Subjects ſhall have or be entitled to, in any ſuch Foreign Corporation, Company, or Society, to make a full and true Diſcovery thereof within ſuch Time, and in ſuch Manner, as by the ſaid laſt mentioned Act is required; to all which we expect due Obedience and exact Conformity. And We do hereby publiſh and declare, that the Offenders to the contrary, ſhall not only incur our high Diſpleaſure, but be proſecuted for ſuch their Contempt and Offences, with the utmoſt Rigour and Severety of Law, *&c.*

Given at Our Court at St. James's *the Eighteenth Day of December, in the Ninth Year of Our Reign.*

GOD ſave the KING.

Vienna, Dec. 24, *N. S.* A Courier has paſſed through this Place, with the Pope's Acknowledgement of the Elector of Saxony as King of Poland. The Diſpenſation for the Duke of Lorrain's Marriage with the eldeſt Archdutcheſs being not yet arrived from Rome, the Day is not publiſhed for the Marriage; but it is generally believed, that the Promiſe will be made on the 5th of February, and the Marriage celebrated on the 12th following.

Hague, Jan. 6, *N. S.* The Spaniſh Ambaſſadour has preſented to the States a long Memorial, to diſſuade them from entring into any Meaſures relating to the Preliminaries for a Treaty of Peace between the Emperor and France, giving hopes to this Republick in that Caſe, of their obtaining great Advantages from Spain in relation to Trade. The Envoy of Poland went Yeſterday Morning for the firſt Time, ſince the War broke out, to viſit the French Ambaſſadour, who returned him his Viſit in the Afternoon, and invited himſelf to ſup with him among other Company. As to the Muſcovite Ambaſſadour, he has not ſeen the French Ambaſſadour yet, on Account of ſome Points of Ceremony as to Viſits; but it is ſaid the French Ambaſſadour deſigns to invite him to dinner; and that the other will accept the Invitation; to cut off thoſe Difficulties. The Yacht that came over for his Excellency M. Horatio Walpole, was obliged by Streſs of Weather to put into Middleburg, but is ſince arrived at Helvoetſluys, whither his Excellency ſent his Baggage to Day, propoſing to follow ſoon and embark for England.

Exciſe Office, London, Dec. 29, 1935.

By Order of the Hon. Commiſſioners of Exciſe. On Thurſday the 8th of January, will be expoſed to Sale in their Court Room in the Old Jury, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, ſeveral Parcels of condemn'd Bohea and Green Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Brandy, Rum, Geneva, and Cordial Waters; which may be viewed on Monday and Wedneſday, the 5th and 7th of January, at the Exciſe Office, and at the Warehouſes near the Cuſtom-houſe, from Nine to Twelve in the Morning, and from Two to Five in the Afternoon, and on the Day of Sale from Nine to Twelve in the Forenoon. Printed Allotments of the Particulars will be delivered at the ſaid Office on Monday the 5th of January.

Advertiſements.

TO be peremptorily Sold, before Robert Holford, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the High Court of Chancery, purſuant to a Decree of the ſaid Court, on the 23d Day of January next, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, a Copyhold Eſtate ſituate at Oundle, in the County of Northampton, of the yearly Value of 55 l. now in the Poſſeſſion of —— Scott. Further Particulars whereof may be had at the ſaid Maſter's Chambers in Symond's Inn Chancery-Lane.

THE Aſſignees of the Eſtate of Francis Burton, late of High Holborne, in the County of Middleſex, Diſtiller and Tobacconiſt, a Bankrupt, deſire the Creditors of the ſaid Bankrupt to meet at the Virginia Coffee houſe behind the Exchange, on Friday the 2d Day of January next, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to conſent to the ſaid Aſſignees commencing a Suit or Suits in Equity, and to ſubmit any difference or diſpute with any Perſon or Perſons touching the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate to Arbitration, and to make Compoſition with any Perſon or Perſons Debtors or Accountants to the ſaid Bankrupt.

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